

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Thursday, November 7, 2019

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Valcq, Commissioner Nowak and Commissioner Huebsch.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, October 31, 2019.

3560-CW-108 - Application of the City of Menasha, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct an Advanced Water Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System, in the City of Menasha, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

4900-CW-122 - Application of the City of Racine, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Low Lift Pump Motors and Variable Frequency Drive Replacement Project, in the City of Racine, Racine County Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5230-SB-113 - Application of St. Croix Valley Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Authority to Issue and Sell up to \$600,000 Principal Amount of Long-term First Mortgage Notes

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6240-WR-110 - Application of the City of Waukesha, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5-FE-100 - Quadrennial Planning Process II

Request of BC Organics for Project Revisions and Extension to Incentive Agreement

The Commission reviewed the request BC Organics to revise its project and to extend the Incentive Agreement and directed that the interagency workgroup re-score BC Organics' proposed project, as revised, against the criteria established in the Integrated Anaerobic Digester System Program Request for Proposal (RFP) issued pursuant to the Commission's Final Decision of December 20, 2016. The interagency workgroup shall report back on its findings and recommended actions by December 31, 2019. If the proposed project, as revised, meets all requirements of the RFP and receives greater than the minimum score required by the RFP, the Commission delegates authority to the Administrator of the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs to issue an order approving BC Organics request to revise its project and extending the Incentive Agreement.

5-FE-101 - Quadrennial Planning Process III

Request to Update Renewable Programs Offerings and Evaluation Group Membership

The Commission reviewed the request of the Focus on Energy (Focus) Program Administrator (Program Administrator) to make changes to the renewable energy program structure and made the following determinations:

1. The program shall be modified to make all solar photovoltaic (PV) projects prescriptive regardless of size thereby removing solar PV projects from the Renewable Energy Competitive Incentive Program.

Chairperson Valcq dissented.

2. Incentive amounts for solar PV projects shall be based upon capacity rather than 12 percent of total project cost, with a cap on the incentive for systems 500 kW or higher. The Program Administrator shall make adjustments to incentive levels as installation costs change, using data collected by the Focus program on installations receiving incentives.

Chairperson Valcq dissented.

3. Annually, by December 31, 2020, Commission staff shall report to the Commission on the costs of installation of solar PV systems and the updated prescriptive incentive amounts by capacity.

The Commission reviewed and approved the appointment of Ms. Kuntz as the industry expert representative on the Evaluation Work Group.

The Commission directed the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

4220-UR-124 - Application of Northern States Power Company- Wisconsin for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates

The Commission accepted the uncontested alternatives in the Final Decision Matrix ([PSC REF#: 378332](#)).

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to draft a final decision consistent with the Interim Order previously issued in this proceeding and with its discussion on the fuel items, and that the final decision be returned to the Commission for approval.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steffany Powell Coker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steffany Powell Coker
Secretary to the Commission